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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition and competitive fiber deployment! I chose to go with a company that deployed fiber, invested in infrastructure, and keeps the landscape competitive.

Let's be clear, the United States has historically frowned on monopolies -- they are illegal. AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, are pouring millions into getting rid of small but growing businesses like Sonic. Don't let them destroy competition which, as you now, is the backbone of democracy!

Without access to Sonic fiber I'd still be paying higher prices using DSL with a large corporation that wasn't investing in infrastructure and didn't care about my crappy connection -- it just kept raising their rates. I am now on fiber and it is cheaper, speedier, and Sonic has better customer service.

My contract with Sonic also includes a landline in case of emergencies and that comes with my home service. Since I live in San Francisco having this telephone service is especially important because of earthquakes or unforeseen natural disasters.

Thank you for reading,

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